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Current Date: October 30, 2012

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PAYMENT DEFICIENCY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.28 (c)

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Sir:

The Owner of above-listed U.S. Patent No. 6,203,529 respectfully requests that a payment for deficiency owed regarding the 11.5-year maintenance fee be accepted by the Office. The patent maintenance fee previously paid for this matter on August 22, 2012 was paid in good faith based on a small entity status. However, due to an oversight the 11.5-year patent maintenance fee should have been paid based upon large entity status.

The total deficiency currently owed is \$2445.00. The itemization of the Adjustment date: 01/24/2013 CKHLOK 11/29/2012 HBANGURA 00000017 504623 6203529 deficiency payment is as follows: 01 FC:1553 4810.00 CR

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Current Maint. Fee Due at 11.5 years for Large Entity: \$4810.00 Maint. Fee Previously Paid as Small Entity: \$2365.00 TOTAL DEFICIENCY OWED: \$2445.00

Owner of the above-listed patent respectfully requests the Office to accept this request to increase the 11.5 year maintenance fee to large entity based upon compliance herein with 37CFR 1.28 (c). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$2445.00, the deficiency owed, and any additional fee that may be due or credit any overpayment to Representative's Deposit Account No. 50-4623.

Respectfully submitted, /Kendal M. Sheets/

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